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- 25X1 1. From May to July 1952 a military camp, near the 1827 kilometer mark, was observed on the right bank of the Danube, near Kisbodák (Y 26). It consisted of 200 white tents, housing 10 soldiers each. Hungarian troops were moving about the area.¹
- 25X1 2. Early in July 1952, estimated to be at company strength, Hungarian pioneer troops were building a pontoon bridge at the 1744 kilometer mark, on the right bank of the Danube near Süttő (Y 96). The bridge extended from the river bank to a small island, about 50 meters off the shore. Bridge equipment and four trucks were seen along the shore.²
- 3. Likewise, early in July 1952 it was observed, that at the 1674 kilometer mark, on the left bank, about 50 rowboats and 20 pontoon bridge sections were guarded by two Hungarian soldiers.
- 4. Early in May 1952, at the 1610 kilometer mark, on the right bank south of Ercsi (N 39), a military camp was observed. It extended 200 meters along the Danube and on three sides it was surrounded by a forest. Four finished one-story buildings and several more under construction were seen. About 250 large trucks, divided into groups of eight, carried pontoon bridge sections. Pontoon bridge equipment and about 20 Kovács-type motorboats were seen along the river bank. About 200 meters below the camp was a rifle range with two large sand walls for targets.
- 5. About 50 soldiers, using a large firing range, were seen early in May 1952. The range was at the 1566 kilometer mark, on the right bank near Felsőbaracs. There were five large sand walls for targets. A recently built one-story structure was seen nearby.

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6. At the 1522 kilometer mark, on the left bank, a Hungarian military camp of wooden barracks and tents, extending about 1 kilometer along the Danube, was seen between May-July 1952. About 50 pontoon bridge sections were lying on the river bank. The number and the type of the unit could not be ascertained.
7. Late in June 1952 a military tent-camp was observed in the forest at the 1490 kilometer mark on the left bank. No bridge equipment or boats were noted.
8. In early May 1952, in the Csepel Harbor, a gray naval vessel was observed. It was manned by Hungarian sailors and a few khaki-uniformed soldiers. The vessel was identical with the type used by the Soviet flotilla in Kuchelau Harbor, Austria.
9. Between May-July 1952, two types of jet planes were taking off and landing at the Toköl air base. The first type, believed to be a fighter or a light bomber, had twin engines, a red star on the tail, and flew in wedge formations of five in each. AVH soldiers stated that these were Hungarian planes obtained from the USSR. The second type, believed to be twin-engine bombers, were similar or identical with twin-engine bombers later seen in Braila, Rumania and Reni, USSR.

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1. A camp at the same location was observed in April 1952 [redacted] and early in May 1952 [redacted]

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2. It is believed that this is a practice area, rather than a permanent camp.

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